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1. On 31 December 1949, a new company was registered in Zürich under the name of Intermerkur A.G., Bären-gasse 13, Zürich, founded with a capital of 425,000 Swiss francs and 425 shares, at 1,000 Swiss francs each, fully paid. It is reported that the firm is to be used primarily to facilitate the transactions of the Yugoslav Trade Mission in Zürich.
2. The president of Intermerkur is Dr. Wilhelm Krasting, Septerstrasse 21, Basel, who is also a director of several public utility companies and was honorary Yugoslav Consul in Basel. The directors are Julius Schmidlin of Schaffhausen, Albert Frey of Pully (Ct. Vaud) and Paul Feurer of Zollikon (Ct. Zürich). The vice-president of the firm is Dr. Vjenceslav Messaric who originally came from Belgrade. The latter works closely with the Yugoslav Trade Mission in Zürich.
3. The firm Siber Hegner & Co., A.G., Talstrasse 14, Zürich, has requested the firm Glansmann & Co., Trieste, to act as its representative in obtaining space for merchandise in transit through the free port of Trieste. Siber Hegner & Co. did not notify Glansmann for whom the space was being requested, but source learned that it is for the Hungarian Government.
4. At present, the Yugoslav Trade Mission is offering for sale in Switzerland 3,000 tons of lead stored in Fiume and priced at \$5.26 per ton. However, so far, it has not succeeded in finding a buyer, since the lead is only 99.7% pure. The Trade Mission is also offering 150 tons of carbide, stored in 100-kilogram barrels in Trieste, at 65 Lire per kilogram. One-half of this carbide stock is granulated.
5. Dimitri Matic, a member of the Yugoslav Trade Mission and in charge of the purchase and sale of chemicals, stated on 30 January 1949 that Yugoslavia is no longer obtaining chemicals from Switzerland and the United States, but receives these from Great Britain. By this means, he is able to use accumulated pound sterling credits.

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6. The Yugoslav Trade Mission in Zürich is negotiating with Nestlé S.A., Vevey (St. Vaud), for the sale of 10,000 tons of sugar to be shipped from Fiume.
7. Vögeli & Co., Metalle, Klostbachstrasse 34, Zürich, approached Akomfina A.G., Genferstrasse 34, Zürich, as well as several other Swiss firms, in an attempt to purchase 2,000 tons of lead on behalf of Czechoslovakia. The Trade Mission specified that the lead must be 99.9% pure, and that it would be willing to pay \$560 per ton, despite the fact that the world market price is \$510-520 per ton. The Trade Mission stipulated, however, that Akomfina A.G. obtain the lead from the western zones of Germany without letting it be known that its ultimate destination was to be Czechoslovakia. Akomfina declined the offer.

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